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SUBJECT: MELO ANTUNES TALKS WITH ALL THREE MOVEMENTS; SOME FIGHT-
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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE PREPARED 1700 HOURS JULY 15. NOT SENT UNTIL
1700 HOURS JULY 16 BECAUSE OF POWER OUTAGE.

2. THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES TOLD ME JULY 15 THAT FOREIGN
MINISTER MELO ANTUNES HAS SEEN LEADERS OF ALL THREE
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HE TALKED WITH AGOSINHO NETO, WITH
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR NGOLA KABANGU, WHO IS FNLA'S TOP
MAN IN THE ABSENCE OF JOHNNY EDUARDO AND WITH JOSE 'NDELE OF
UNITA. MELO ANTUNES IS APPARENTLY MAKING IT CLEAR HE HAS NO
AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT PROBLEM, BUT IS ATTEMPTING TO
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"CLARIFY" THE SITUATION.

3. AT 1400 HOURS ON JULY 15 I WENT TO THE AREA OF THE CUCA BREWERY. SHOOTING WAS STILL GOING ON BEHIND THE BREWERY IN A LOWER MIDDLE CLASS WHITE NEIGHBORHOOD WHOSE RESIDENTS ABANDONED IT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

4. ALSO ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 15 I SAW MPLA SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS SYSTEMATICALLY LOOTING THE FNLA HEADQUARTERS AND ADJOINING BUILDINGS ON AVENIDA BRAZIL. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY REPORTED BANDS OF LOOTERS IN THE ALVALADE, AN AREA WHERE MANY FOREIGNERS LIVE.

5. THE MPLA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH IT PLACED THE BLAME ON THE CURRENT VIOLENCE ON THE FNLA. THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT ON JULY 4 THE TOWN OF TANGO HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY FNLA FORCES, WHO ASSASSINATED MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND SACKED AND BURNED THOUSES. A SIMILAR ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT ON JULY 11 IN THE VILLAGE OF CASSUMBA CAMABAIA, NORTHEAST OF QUIBAXE. BEGINNING ON JULY 9 IN LUANDA, THE COMMUNIQUE WENT ON, FNLA INTENSIFIED ITS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LEGITIMATE DEFENDERS, THE MPLA, MOVED TO PUT AN END TO THESE ATTACKS, WHICH CONSTITUTED A VAST PLAN FOR AN FNLA TAKEOVER BY FORCE.

6. THE FNLA, FOR ITS PART, ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON JULY 14 IN WHICH IT ATTACKED THE MPLA AS THE LACKEY OF SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM AND ACCUSED IT OF ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY. FNLA WILL CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE, THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED, UNTIL THE FINAL TRIUMPH OF THE ANGOLAN CAUSE.

7. THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED IN THE MARIA PIA HOSPITAL DROPPED SHARPLY ON JULY 14. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 38 WOUNDED TREATED AS COMPARED WITH ABOUT 150 ON JULY 13.

8. BLACK REFUGEES CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AT THE PALACE AND SOME ESTIMATES PUT THE NUMBER AT 2,000. A SIMILAR NUMBER IS INSTALLED AT THE NAVAL BASE. THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES TELL ME THEY HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MOVE THEM NORTH BY BOAT. KILLORAN

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